

(c) whether Government would install Jammers in all jails across the country with immediate effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, on October 23, 2006, it has come to the cognizance of Government that mobile phones were being used by detainees inside Kot Bhalwal jail premises.

(b) and (c) 'Prisons' is a State subject and its administration is, primarily, the responsibility of the State Government. Information about the total number of prisoners belonging to various terrorist outfits is not maintained centrally. The Government of India assist the States under the scheme for Modernisation of Prisons. The components which, *inter-alia*, include construction of new jails, renovation and expansion of prisons, water and sanitation and construction of staff quarters. Funds are also provided for correctional administration and small equipment to modernize prisons like video conferencing activities, etc. However, purchase of jammers is not covered. The Government have advised the States to ensure that prisoners are not in possession of prohibited items like mobile phones, weapons, etc.

Shelter in Dargahs by victims of terrorism

†47. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kashmiris victimized by terrorism are taking shelter in Dargahs; and

(b) the measures being taken by Government to dispel the fear of terrorism among these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No such incident of victims of terrorism taking shelter in Dargahs in Jammu and Kashmir has been reported by the State Government. However, the Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to

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contain cross-border terrorism/infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists, within the State. The counter terrorism/infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Repeal of AF(SP) Act, 1958

48. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether innocent people have been killed in the North Eastern States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (f) The Committee constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 as amended in 1972 has submitted its report to Ministry of Home Affairs on 6.6.2005. The recommendations of the Committee contained in its report are being examined and a decision in the matter is yet to be taken. In 2006 (upto 31st October, 2006) 238 civilians lost their lives in the extremist violence in the North Eastern States.